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SUBJECT: ITALIAN TECHNICAL DATA FOR MANUFACTURING MACHINE
TOOLS TO ROMANIA--IL 1091

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USDEL SHOULD OBJECT FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. THE MACHINE TOOLS TO BE PRODUCED BY THE TECHNICAL DATA
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FAR EXCEED IL 1091 PARAMETERS IN EVERY AREA WHERE DATA
WAS PROVIDED.

2. THE MACHINE TOOLS CAN BE EQUIPPED WITH NUMERICAL CONTROL
SYSTEMS, BOTH HARDWIRED AND SOFTWIRED, OF THE TYPE CURRENTLY
EMBARGOED BY IL 1091.

3. BECAUSE OF THE UNIQUE USES OF THIS EQUIPMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIAL/MILITARY-RELATED TYPES OF EQUIPMENT, IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT THE ROMANIANS HAVE A NEED FOR MACHINE TOOLS OF THIS TYPE FOR THEIR CIVILIAN ECONOMY.

4. THE EXPORT INVOLVES THE TRANSFER OF SIGNIFICANT TECHNICAL DATA FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF CURRENTLY EMBARGOED MACHINE TOOLS THAT HAVE SIGNIFICANT MILITARY APPLICATIONS. ONCE EXPORTED, THE ULTIMATE END USE AND APPLICATION OF THIS TECHNICAL DATA CANNOT BE CONTROLLED. IT WILL GIVE THE ROMANIANS NOT ONLY THE CAPABILITY TO MANUFACTURE MACHINE TOOLS OF THE TYPE SET FORTH IN THE TRANSACTION, BUT WILL PERMIT THE MANUFACTURE OF SIGNIFICANT COMPONENTRY SUCH AS SPINDLE ASSEMBLIES, LEAD SCREWS, AND POSITIONING FEEDBACK UNITS CURRENTLY EMBARGOED BY IL 1093. THE TECHNICAL DATA PROPOSED FOR EXPORT COULD ALSO CONTAIN SIGNIFICANT DESIGN INFORMATION AND MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT WHICH COULD BE APPLIED TO THE FABRICATION OF OTHER EMBARGOED MACHINE TOOLS.

5. AS STATED IN THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ITALIANS AND ROMANIANS, THE MACHINE TOOLS TO BE BUILT FROM THIS TECHNOLOGY ARE SPECIFICALLY FOR USE IN FABRICATING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CURRENTLY EMBARGOED ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT SUCH AS HEAT EXCHANGERS, GAS TURBINES, MARINE DIESEL ENGINES, MARINE PROPELLERS, PRESSES, AND NUCLEAR COMPONENTS.

6. THERE IS NO SPECIFIC INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION WHICH INDICATES THAT THE ROMANIANS OR ANY OTHER BLOC COUNTRY

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CURRENTLY HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO MANUFACTURE LARGE "ELEPHANT VARIETY" MACHINE TOOLS OF THIS TYPE.

7. APPROVAL OF THIS TRANSACTION WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY WEAKEN INTERNATIONAL CONTROLS OVER ANY NC MACHINE TOOL EQUIPMENT, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT IS A TECHNICAL DATA CASE.

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